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1. SUMMARY: FOLLOWING IS INFORMATION REQUESTED REFTEL G. END SUMMARY.

2. AS MENTIONED REFTELS D AND E AND REFAIR F, AUTOS SATISFYING JAPANESE 1975 EMISSION STANDARDS (EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 1975), DESIGNATED "LOW POLLUTION PASSENGER CARS" BY MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT, WILL RECEIVE TEMPORARY FAVORABLE TAX TREATMENT. TO DATE, FOLLOWING EIGHT MODELS SO DESIGNATED: TOKYO KOGYO'S MAZDA AP SERIES (FIVE ROTARY AND TWO RECIPROCATING ENGINE MODELS) AND HONDA'S CIVIC CVCC-1500.

3. FOR DESIGNATED MODELS, AUTOMOBILE ACQUISITION TAX (PRESENTLY EQUAL TO 3 PERCENT PURCHASE PRICE NOT REPEAT NOT LIST PRICE AS STATED REFTEL G) WILL BE REDUCED TO 1 PERCENT FOR PERIOD APRIL 26, 1973 THROUGH MARCH 31, 1974. RATE WILL BE 2 PERCENT FOR PERIOD APRIL 1, 1974 THROUGH SEPT 30, 1974.

4. COMMODITY TAX PRESENTLY 15 PERCENT FOR "SMALL" CARS (WITH WHEELBASE NOT EXCEEDING 270 CM., WIDTH NOT EXCEEDING 170 CM., AND CYLINDER
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CAPACITY NOT EXCEEDING 2000 CC.) AND 20 PERCENT GOR ALL

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OTHER "LARGE" CARS. FOR PERIOD APRIL 21. 1973 THROUGH MARCH 31, 1974, COMMODITY TAX ON DESIGNATED LOW POLLUTION MODELS WILL BE REDUCED TO 11.25 PERCENT FOR SMALL CARS AND 15 PERCENT FOR LARGE CARS. RATE WILL BE 13.125 PERCENT FOR SMALL CARS AND 17.5 PERMENT FOR LARGE CARS FOR PERIOD APRIL 1, 1974 THROUGH SEPT 30, 1974.

5. EMBASSY SUBMITTING BY AIRGRAM (UNCLASSIFIED TOKYO A-89) LIST OF CURRENT NATIONAL, PREFECTURAL, AND MUNICIPAL TAXES ON AUTOS AS REQUESTED PARAGRAPH TWO REFTEL G. ALL DOMESTIC TAXES APPLY TO BOTH DOMESTIC AND IMPORTED CARS WITH OBVIOUS EXCEPTION OF IMPORT DUTY.

6. COMPARISON OF COST BUILD-UP ON IMPORTED U.S.-MADE CAR AT CONSECUTIVE STAGES FROM PORT OF ENTRY TO CONSUMER AND ON JAPANESE-MADE CAR FROM FACTORY TO CONSUMER PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED REFAIR A

AND REFTELS B ANL C. EMBASSY BELIEVES INFORMATION CONTAINED THEREIN PLUS DATA INCLUDED TOKYO A-89 SUFICIENT TO MAKE SIMILAR COMPARISON. PLEASE NOTE REQUESTS CONTAINED REFS A, B, AND C FOR PROTECTION OF SOURCES AND DATA.
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